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IN THE CLAIMS

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Please delete existing claims 1, 2, 10, 19 and 22 and substitute the following for
Claims 1, 2, 10, 19 and 22.

A 1.(Amended) A method of treating an established distressed tree, a root system of the distressed tree planted in soil comprising the steps of:
creating a mixture comprising a fertilizer and a growth hormone; and
applying the mixture to a root area of the soil to treat the root system of the distressed tree.

2.(Amended) The method of Claim 1 wherein the growth hormone is selected from the group consisting of naphthalene acetic acid and 3-indolebutyric acid.

10 10.(Amended) A mixture for treating roots of an adult distressed tree, said roots planted within soil, comprising:
a fertilizer; and
a root growth hormone selected from the group consisting of naphthalene acetic acid, 3-indolebutyric acid, and wherein said fertilizer and said growth hormone are selected to be effective to treat said roots of said distressed tree within said soil.

19 19. (Amended) The method of Claim 18 and further comprising the step of forming the mixture comprising the substep:
selecting the root growth hormone from the group consisting of naphthalene acetic acid, 3-indolebutyric acid.

22 22. A kit for treating an established distressed tree having a root system disposed within soil comprising:
a mixture comprising a fertilizer and a growth hormone;

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~~11~~ a container for holding the mixture; and.

~~B~~ a tool for applying the mixture to the root system within the soil.

Attached to this Amendment Response to Office Action is an Appendix indicating changes to the claims language with deletions in brackets and additions underlined.